



## ELK GROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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### ELK GROVE CREEKS SCHEDULED FOR "SPRING CLEANING" APRIL 24

**Elk Grove, CA** – It's a dirty job, but everyone ought to do it. "It" is Creek Clean Up, an event to clean up Elk Grove waterways organized by the Elk Grove Community Services District (CSD) Department of Parks and Recreation in conjunction with the Sacramento Urban Creeks Council. The clean-up event is scheduled on Saturday, April 24.

Volunteers of all ages are invited to show up at 9 a.m. to any of the six designated clean up sites:

- Elk Grove Creek - Village Tree at Oakbriar Circle
- Elk Grove Creek - Elk Grove Blvd. At Emerald Oak Dr.
- Underwood Park - Bond Road.
- Ringe Circle - Bond Road at Crowell Dr.
- Mix Park - Goldy Glen Way
- Zimbleman Park - Big Horn Blvd.

Now in its 14<sup>th</sup> year, the annual Elk Grove clean-up event is a favorite project for local scouting groups for its environmental lessons, hands-on service learning, and good, "not so clean," fun. In addition to trash pick-up, the event hosts a litter sculpture contest and a post clean-up barbecue.

"Weather permitting, we expect about 400 volunteers to pitch in," said Jeri Retzlaff, CSD Recreation Supervisor.

Though it seems like a lot of help, Retzlaff points out that the job itself is big. Each year, volunteers harvest several hundred pounds of trash and debris along the 13 mile stretch of waterways that wind through Elk Grove. Items routinely found include tires, shopping carts, Christmas trees, and shipping pallets, among other things.

The clean-up event highlights the value of the creek and trail system in the community and allows event participants to make a positive contribution to Elk Grove's quality of life. The clean-up also compliments other year-round CSD creek programs for students including Jr. Creek Keepers for preschoolers and Trail Trekkers for students ages 6-12.

For more information about the clean-up event, call the Department of Parks & Recreation at (916) 405-5300 or log on to the District web site at [www.egcsd.ca.gov](http://www.egcsd.ca.gov).

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